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Rewarding Good Behaviour Policy

Related documents include:
• Behaviour Management Policy
Monitoring and Review
• This policy will be subject to continuous monitoring, refinement and audit by the Welfare Manager. • The Welfare Manager will undertake a formal annual review of this policy for the purpose of monitoring and of the efficiency with which the related duties have been discharged, by no later than one year from the date shown below, or earlier if significant changes to the systems and arrangements take place, or if legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.
• The next official date for review is **November 2027**

Introduction

Rewarding *good* behaviour is just as important as addressing *bad* behaviour. The positive reinforcement of good behaviour works because it serves the dual purpose of eliminating bad behaviour and giving students the confidence to routinely choose good behaviour. In reinforcing a student's good behaviour, performance and decisions support their choices and encouraging similar choices in the future. Staff verbally reinforce good behaviours and even occasionally reward good behaviour with something more. In addition to good work or behaviour being verbally acknowledged by the member of staff, we also have merit points and prizes.

Merit Points

Merits are tokens recorded on an Excel Spreadsheet ranging in value from 1 – 10. Staff at the College may award these merits for:

- Good behaviour
- Excellent homework
- Excellent effort or achievement in class
- An act of kindness or generosity
- Politeness
- Tidy bedroom
- Helping staff with administrative tasks
- Contributing to the College Student Voice

- Starting Academic Year 2026-2027, students must present in teams of two a presentation on different subjects, during the Fridays assembly. Based on their performance, they will be awarded merits by Miss Sarah.

The merits will be checked every Friday by Miss Yates. Every end of term the spreadsheet is revised and certificates will be awarded to the students with the higher points as per the below.

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Certificates

Certificates are issued for 50 (Silver), 70 (Gold) and 100 (Platinum).

When students achieve each level, this will be mentioned in the end of term reports that are sent to parents electronically.

Giving Merits

- All members of staff, not just teachers, are encouraged to reward good behaviour or acts.

Prizes

- At the end of each term, prizes are awarded to students whose progress, effort, behaviour or other commendable activity warrants recognition.

- At the End-of-Year Party (Prom), certificates and prizes are awarded to students whose progress, effort, behaviour or other commendable activity warrants recognition.

These awards recognise good behaviour in addition to academic performance and progress.

Prizes can be issued for team and individual activities.

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